

Table C. Example Words and Phrases, by Code

CODE	Example Words and Phrases from the Incident Narratives
alcohol use	Positive for alcohol / positive for ethanol use / consumed alcohol
another person's firearm accessible	With her boyfriend's gun / handgun was V's husband's / weapon was V's sister's
argument with non-romantic partner	Got into an argument with his daughter / verbal argument with a friend / son and victim had a verbal altercation
argument with romantic partner	V and her boyfriend started drinking and eventually ended up getting into an argument / arguing with her boyfriend / V and his girlfriend were fighting
committing crime	V3 killed V1, V2, and the family dog / involved in a car chase / purposefully eluding LE
criminal history	Recently released from prison for an aggravated felony / showed he had prior felony convictions / released on bail the day before
current/former military personnel	Active duty military member / previous military deployments / active US Air Force Airman
death of family/friend/ romantic partner	V1 had lost his wife eight months prior / brother was killed in 2007 / husband had died two years prior
domestic violence	Pushed his girlfriend many times / was in an abusive relationship / argument became violent
domestic violence history	Victim had been in an abusive relationship for many years / prior incident of domestic violence / history of domestic violence
drug use	Tested positive for cocaine and THC / positive for methamphetamine / tox pos for cannabinoids
drug/alcohol use history	Had a history of depression, schizophrenia, and alcohol abuse / history of alcohol abuse / alcoholism, and would drink when he was depressed
estranged from family members	Estranged from his family / not being able to see his daughter / estranged from son
expressed apology	Stated that he was sorry / asked daughter for forgiveness / asking for forgiveness
expressed love	Text to her sister telling her she loves her / decedent texted his spouse "I love you and goodbye" / group text from the victim saying "I love you"
feeling depressed/melancholy	He had been in a depressed mood recently / feeling down
financial/economic difficulties	V was having financial problems / recently having financial issues / trouble paying his bills

firearm acquired legally	Registered to V / had a firearms license / registered to the decedent
found at residence	Found unresponsive at home / V was home / in their residence
found by family/romantic partner	Found unresponsive in bathroom by his wife / found by her fiancé / family member found the V
found by law enforcement	Shot himself in front of police officers / found in his vehicle by Law Enforcement / police who found V dead
found in car	Found in his car / found on the side of the road in his vehicle / sitting in a vehicle
found in garage	In garage / in a garage / discovered hanging in the garage
found outside of residence	Incident occurred in a park / gunshot wound of the head with a 9mm caliber weapon in a wooded area / in hotel room
general medical condition known (non-mental health)	History of alcoholic cirrhosis and coronary artery disease / long history of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure / medical history of heart disease, renal failure
handgun	Sig Sauer M11-A1 handgun was found / gun used was a semi-automatic handgun / Smith & Wesson .38 revolver
history of family/friend suicide	V's father committed suicide / one of his friends committed suicide / V's daughter died by suicide overdose
history of suicidal ideations	History of depression and suicidal threats and ideation / presented to the hospital a few years prior for severe depression and suicidal ideations / history of suicidal ideations
history of suicide attempt	Prior suicide attempt two years ago / attempted suicide over a year ago / three years prior, the V attempted to shoot himself
history of trauma	Was a victim of physical and sexual abuse / also a victim of sex crimes / father had been abusive when they were growing up
housing instability	Appeared V was living in his vehicle / V in the courtyard about a housing issue / released from juvenile detention and was supposed to go into a foster home
incarcerated at death	Was in jail / inmate at a jail / was an inmate at a correctional facility
job difficulties/stress	Got him into trouble at his work / been under a great deal of stress from his job / out of fear of losing his job
job loss/unemployment	V was not employed / lost her job due to COVID-19 / just lost his job

known/suspected infidelity	Her husband was having an affair / arguing about cheating on him / argument about him being unfaithful
law enforcement occupation	Ex law enforcement officer / employed as a correctional officer at a prison / was a LE officer
legal issues	Allegations of the V sexually abusing a family member / order of protection was filed / scheduled to appear in court that day for a DWI charge
medication	Prescriptions for antidepressants / was on multiple medications / receiving medications for his alcohol use
mental health condition known	Diagnosed with depression / history of depression / treated for PTSD
methamphetamine	Positive for methamphetamine / were doing meth and heroin / uses methamphetamines
multiple firearms	V had several weapons / V was inside residence with a shotgun and a 9mm handgun / had two guns on his person
pain	History of chronic pain / chronic pain / dealing with chronic back pain
psychiatric/mental health hospitalization	Come home from a psych facility / admitted for a week for psychiatric evaluation / went through in-patient psychiatric treatment
reaching out for help/threatening	He told her he was going to shoot himself in the head / sent a suicidal text to his two daughters / made a statement to his ex-girlfriend that he was going to video his suicide
receiving mental health treatment	Saw a therapist for treatment / went to counseling / was receiving medication for his depression
resuscitation opportunity before death	Initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation / CPR was administered / return of spontaneous circulation after 2 rounds of CPR
rifle	With a rifle / the weapon was an unspecified caliber rifle / dead with the rifle
romantic relationship end/breakup	He was separated from his wife / recently broke up with his girlfriend / end the relationship
romantic relationship issues	Victim and her husband were having issues / V and wife divorced about 7 months ago / relationship issues
service weapon	Used his military firearm / reportedly V's service weapon for his job / standard issue weapon
shotgun	Dickinson pump-action shotgun / shotgun / shotgun wound
sleep trouble	He had not been able to eat or sleep / struggled with insomnia / not sleeping much

treatment stopped	Was not taking his medication / V had not taken any medication for at least one year / not compliant with taking it as prescribed
unsafely stored/unlocked firearm	Kept it in the nightstand / kept it under his mattress / kept this gun in his room in an unsecured backpack

Note: These words and phrases are examples, provided for illustrative and instructional purposes. Numerous other relevant words and phrases may indicate each code.